

Covenant Community Missions

HIGHLIGHTING WAYS THAT OUR COVENANT
COMMUNITY REACHES OUT TO THE LARGER
COMMUNITY AROUND US

The Covenant Community Missions newsletter highlights ways our Covenant community reaches out to the larger community around us. This issue includes:

- Faith Ministry in Reynosa - announcing Spring 2023 trip and 2022 pictures
- Rise Against Hunger - new October event and pictures from May
- Villages In Partnership – Summer 2023 Friendship Trip opportunity
- Broad Street Ministry – team lunch service resumes and then put on hold
- Central Presbyterian in Norristown Anniversary Celebration
- Vacation Bible School community outreach
- Covenant HS Youth serve others as part of NC youth conference
- Covenant Pentecost Birthday Kit assembly
- Eric Brown Music Scholarship Fund update
- People's Pantry update
- Sneakers for Soldiers update

CAMT Activities (Covenant Adult Mission Team)



2023 Trip to Faith Ministry

Planning has begun for our spring 2023 trip to partner with Faith Ministry in Reynosa, Mexico. Is this the year that God is calling you to participate? All you need is Faith working through Love. Contact Barbara Rhinehart (brhinehart@gmail.com) with interest and/or questions. If you act early, you can help influence the specific dates for the trip.

2022 Trip to Faith Ministry

CAMT had a team of five volunteers that visited our Faith Ministry friends in Reynosa, Mexico on April 30th to May 7th. The team built a casa which was financed from Covenant's general budget dollars and participated in other aspects of Faith Ministry's outreach as well. Enjoy these pictures from the week. More pictures can be found at [2022 Reynosa Covenant](#).



Building Relationships:

pictured from left to right: Michael Stanley, Nancy Reynolds, and Barbara Rhinehart



Building a Home:

pictured from left to right: Pastor Alex, our casa family, Carol Cornell



Building the Future:

pictured from left to right: two of our scholarship students and shoes we donated



Upcoming October 16th, 2022 event

You are invited to another meal packing event. Covenant will join with Rise Against Hunger at Westminster Presbyterian Church on World Food Day, October 16th, to pack another 15,000 meals. With the war in Ukraine, food scarcity is becoming even worse. Watch the bulletin and emails for information about volunteering to help with this fun intergenerational event. Donations for the meal ingredients can be made online or by check to Covenant – don't forget to use the drop down box or mark the memo for Rise Against Hunger. Additional information can be obtained from Eileen.gradwell@gmail.com.

May 20, 2020 event

Our 7th Annual Meal Packing Event with Rise Against Hunger on Saturday May 21st, 2022 was a big success. Around 80 volunteers of all ages gathered in our CCLC building and packed over 15,000 meals. We are also pleased to report that we met our fundraising goal of \$6,000 to pay for the meals. Thank you to all volunteers and donors.



villages in partnership

Villages in Partnership – Summer 2023 Friendship Trip Opportunity

“How good and pleasant it is when God’s people live together in unity” Psalm 133:1

Villages in Partnership believes there is no more profound way to get involved than to go to Malawi, to meet with our friends in person, break bread with them, and work and worship alongside them while sharing each other’s blessings and burdens. One of our core principles is that we are not distant benefactors sending hand-outs from afar, but are true partners who care about and seek community with our brothers and sisters in Malawi. During our Friendship Trips, you get to know our friends and understand their circumstances. You listen to them and are invited to work alongside them to further the important work we are doing together.

Come with us and learn what is universal about humanity. Planning for trips in the Summer, 2023 is just beginning. If you are interested in learning more, contact Eileen Gradwell at Eileen.gradwell@gmail.com



**Broad
Street
Ministry**

Broad Street Ministry

Broad Street Ministry in Philadelphia had resumed using groups for lunch service in July. Covenant had a team prepared to assist the third Thursday but Broad Street needed to cancel that day because of the extra hot weather. BSM has since discovered that they will need repairs in the sanctuary to some of the structural arches. This will necessitate erecting scaffolding which means they will need to have their lunch service return to to-go style service which doesn’t need teams of volunteers. We are on hold again until further notice. Thank you to those who had signed up in July.

Central Presbyterian Church in Norristown

Central celebrated their 19th anniversary on June 12th. Millie Williams, Kay and George Rowell represented Covenant at the event. Due to inclement weather the event moved indoors but the Spirit was not dampened. The day included lots of music, two short sermons and a meal.

Covenant Vacation Bible School Outreach

Vacation Bible School reached into our community in a number of ways this year. The registration fees were split with half supporting VBS and half being donated to the Eric Brown Music Scholarship Fund. We are excited to announce that the music fund received \$930. The afternoon sewing sessions created fleece hats for Broad Street Ministry and they made some placemats for Meals On Wheels. The VBS families collected toiletries for the People's Pantry also. Thank you to all the families and volunteers.



Covenant High School Youth Outreach

Our high school youth joined with St. John's Presbyterian Church and travelled to Montreat Youth Conference/ Asheville Youth Mission Co. In addition to conference participation they helped clean up a local park and worked with the Manna Food Bank. Back at home, they helped with some of the preparation and maintenance of the garden at the CCLC.



Covenant Pentecost Birthday Kit Assembly

Members of the congregation and friends donated items that were assembled after the Pentecost worship service into over 30 Birthday Kits for the People's Pantry. Thank you to all who donated items and helped with the assembly.



Updates on Covenant Connected Missions



Eric Brown Music Scholarship Fund

On Sunday, April 24th we had the pleasure of hearing two EB scholarship students share their music in our worship services. Ryan shared Violin Concerto #4 Movement 1 by Henri Vieuxtemps and Emma sang 10,000 Reasons by Matt Redman accompanied by ukulele and her teacher. We are pleased to announce that we have received enough donations to fund our four students for the 2022-2023 lesson year. Thank you for making a difference in the lives of these youth.



People's Pantry at Church Road

The People's Pantry thanks everyone for the donations of school supplies for the annual backpack give away. Pantry donations may be dropped off at the church during office hours, Monday - Friday, from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Press the call button so that someone can let you in. Donations may also be dropped off at The People's Pantry (384 Lancaster Ave.) on open pantry days. The Pantry needs change every time clients shop. An updated list of current needs can be found on our website, www.churchroadpantry.org. There are also a few items highlighted weekly in the church bulletins. FULL size paper and plastic grocery bags are always needed and appreciated. And as always, thank you for your support.



Sneakers for Soldiers

Sneakers for Soldiers continues to be busy replacing worn out athletic shoes of service members deployed to Designated Combat Zones and Imminent Danger Areas. We still have many troops deployed to hostile areas. Requests have tripled over the past year from these brave men and women deployed to areas such as Syria, Lebanon, Iraq, Somalia, Niger, Burkina Faso, Yemen, and Columbia.

Our troops' athletic shoes wear out every 4 months due to temperatures that can reach 118 degrees, rugged terrain, and daily exercise routines in harsh environments.

To date, over 9,000 deployed service members have received new athletic shoes from Sneakers for Soldiers and have been able to choose the brand and style that best fits their feet and needs. This heartfelt and beneficial gift makes a world of difference during a deployment.

A team leader recently told SFS; " ... the shoes definitely make the unit feel appreciated ... It's more than a pair of shoes. I've noticed a big change in the spirits from the comradery your organization has provided us."

We thank the Covenant Community for their past generosity and supporting the needs of our deployed military. John and Debbie Hausladen, Co Founders